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Dear Sir/Madame:

I am enclosing a Response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2003. I am also enclosing a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R 1.36(A), and the appropriate fee.

Yours very truly,

  
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Enclosures